REMARKS

The specification has been amended to place the application in conformance with standard United States patent practice.

Claims 5-8 have been amended to bring the claims into conformance with standard United States patent practice. New claims 9 and 10 have been added to further define the invention.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 1-10 are respectfully requested.

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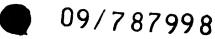
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MARKED-UP AMENDED CLAIMS

- 5. (Amended) The Al-coated steel sheet for a fuel tank defined in Claim 3 [or 4], wherein the alkali-soluble resin is urethane [or acrylic resin].
- 6. (Amended) The Al-coated steel sheet for a fuel tank defined in Claim 1, wherein the resin film is mixed with 1-25mass% a powdery synthetic resin [and/or 1-30mass% powdery silica].
- 7. (Amended) The Al-coated steel sheet for a fuel tank defined in Claim 1, wherein the resin film <u>has a thickness</u> of 0.2-5.0µm [in thickness is formed on the Al-coated steel sheet].
- 8. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a fuel tank comprising the steps of:

preparing an Al-coated steel sheet on which an alkali-soluble resin film is directly formed,

press-working said Al-coated steel sheet to <u>prepare</u> upper and lower halves of a fuel tank,

washing said upper and lower halves with an alkali liquid to dissolve off said resin film,

welding said upper half to said lower half, and applying a paint to an external surface of said upper and lower halves.